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Re : Latest developments in the Ukraine , as of 10 Jan 1969

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1. The "drive" against the intellectual dissidents, particularly those who signed the Protest of 130 , continues. Alla HORSKA and her husband Viktor ZARETSKY have been expelled from the party. Some people thought, however, that ZARETSKY would be re-admitted.

At least BRACH Ivan who has been expelled from the party for the same "crime" is being now re-admitted . Nevertheless he is still trusted by the others who stressed that by no means he should be treated as a Ukrainian Levtushenko who made a deal with authorities. There were some comments that his poetry was suffering from the crisis he was going now through.

Halyna SEVRUK has been expelled from the Union of Artists. So were many others. On the whole the Union of Artists was subjected to a particularly severe purge.

2. OVCHARENKO is an intelligent and ^{basically} positive man. However, his hands are tied. "He came too late to his present post". Prior to his present position he was able to help a lot. Now he is being "circumvented" in the CC CPUkraine though he is trying hard not to exacerbate the situation. He is inclined to "discharge tense relations" with Ukrainian intelligentsia by more concessions to them but is hampered in his moves by the hard-liners. A number of West Ukrainians are now in CC CPUkraine and this has its good and bad sides. The bad one is that some ^{West} Ukrainians often seem to be "more papal than the pope himself." They also are more sensitive and more experienced in discovering "suspicious moves and trends".

3. KARPENKO and NAZARENKO are still waiting for trial.

4. MOROZ Valentin is waiting for a re-trial in Kiev where he ^{was} brought to from Mordoviav camps. In Dec 1968 his wife received a notification from the Kiev court to cover expenses for the future trial of her husband. People in Kiev assume that the trial itself will take place soon, either in January or February 1969. According to Igor, MOROZ neither denies nor admits that he has written "zakhalavna literature".

In Lvov Source was told that there are some indications that the authorities might connect CHORNOVIL with MOROZ's case . CHORNOVIL is now in Lvov prison and should be released in Feb 1969.

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5. Beside OSADCHY and Bohdan HORYN also Ivan HEL was released. OSADCHY is allowed to visit his wife and daughter in Lvov but cannot stay with the overnight. The KGB promised to register him in Lvov did not materialize so far and he continues to "roam" in nearby villages. Those ^{now} released from the camps and prisons are getting permission to register "in far away Eastern cities". If they refuse to they have to stay in the countryside in the Ukraine without chances to register in the city and get a job.

6. RUSYN finally got a job in his profession and his friends in Kiev call him now "a capitalist". RUSYN was sentenced to 1 year and released in 1967.

7. According to Igor, Peter and others the rejection of registrations and expelling from jobs are being now widely applied and turn out as the most hurting measures against the dissidents. Igor commented that "they" have already produced enough martyrs and are not going to make new ones by imprisonments etc. Instead they expell people from jobs, from ~~xxx~~ houses etc.

8. ZALYVAKHA was promised to be released if he signs "a declaration". He was brought then to a barber but he told them to "shear" him again and refused to sign the declaration. Now he is in the camp in Mordovia with prohibition to paint.

9. Mary is still jobless. Peter's sister got a job as a librarian in a Kiev-suburb after she had been expelled from the Radio.

10. Several days before Source's arrival to Lvov, OSADCHY visited KALYNTSI. As soon as he left the KGB made a search at KALYNETS's house. KALYNETS Igor had lately trouble with his boss at the Archives who threatened him with expulsion after the KGB had interrogated him in connection with one of his poems printed recently in "Shlakh peremohy", with some "stupid comments". KALYNETS and others have a "real grudge" against Shlakh Peremohy and banderivtsi in general for their irresponsibility.

11. Honchar is in his old favors again. According to Igor, Peter and others "Sobor" was paid much more attention to than it deserved. HONCHAR refused to recant, he only said that his adversaries are trying to politically interpret his work in such a way as he himself would never have thought of. In Peter's and others' opinion it was nevertheless very good that there was so much turmoil around Sobor because it helped a lot in their activities.

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12. Peter, Igor and others have good contacts with Russian liberals in Moscow and Leningrad. Peter was in touch with LITVINOV and others. Together with Yaroslav STUPAK Peter went to Litvinov's trial in Moscow. Lately Peter got a very friendly ^{New Year's} greeting from DANIEL. Petr, Igor and others are happy they find more and more understanding for their cause among Russian liberal circles.

13. Kiev people have also good contacts with Jewish intellectuals. A discrimination campaign against Soviet Jews is now in full swing. Some time ago the Jews were told they could register for emigration to Israel. Most of those registered were afterwards expelled from their jobs. No one was allowed to emigrate.

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1. According to Peter, All has no authorization from their group to represent them and act on their behalf ^{as he claimed to}. Petr and others were unaware of his handing over of Osadchy's book to melnykivtsi and did not approve of this move.

2. Peter and others trust All but are concerned about his latest moves. They did not know about his affiliation with melnykivtsi. They approve of what Prolog and Suchasnist are doing and would like them (Prolog people) to decide on matters of Zakhalavny and other materials. They asked to convey their appreciation and sympathy for Prolog's and Suchasnist's help and "continue further on" as until now.

Their general demand to emigration: be ^{discreet} tactful and careful with materials and news from Ukraine, don't make "own capital" out of informations, send as many people from emigration as you can to the Ukraine, as tourists and otherwise.

3. Peter stressed that they did not approve of melnykivtsi's political profile which is much too rightist and therefore "unsuitable" for them.

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4. Igor asked to convey "his deepest expressions" of gratitude and joy for publication of his work.

5. A wish was expressed to print Chornovil's Papers in German.

6. Source got impression that ~~Alk~~ has better contacts in Lvov than in Kiev.

7. Igor expects to be expelled from the Union . He continues to work in the publishing house.

8. Tanja is going through another of her usual critical ^{moody} periods - she meets no one, talks to no one, refused to give anything for printing.

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